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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO UNHCR'S APPEAL

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1. DEPARTMENT NOTES WITH INTEREST CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNHCR'S APPEAL REPORTED IN REFTEL. RESPONSE TO DATE OBVIOUSLY INADEQUATE TO MEET RELIEF NEEDS THROUGH DECEMBER, LET ALONE IN 1975.

2. MISSION THEREFORE REQUESTED TO APPROACH UNHCR TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND TO INQUIRE AS TO WHAT STEPS UNHCR IS TAKING TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY MADE PLEDGES AND TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE APPEAL.

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MISSION SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE AS TO CURRENT STATUS OF CON-

TRIBUTIONS AND WHETHER THERE IS IMMINENT POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE EFFORTS BEING TERMINATED IN NEAR FUTURE FOR LACK OF FUNDS.

3. MISSION SHOULD INFORM UNHCR THAT US IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FUNDS TO PAY ONE-THIRD (I.E. 7.3 MILLION DOLLARS) TOWARD THE UNHCR APPEAL BUT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS IS SUBJECT TO PENDING CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS. WE HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED SEVERAL EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS INDIVIDUALLY IN HOPES OF ENCOURAGING GENEROUS RESPONSE AND ARE

ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT ELSE WE CAN DO TO ASSIST UNHCR. KISSINGER

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